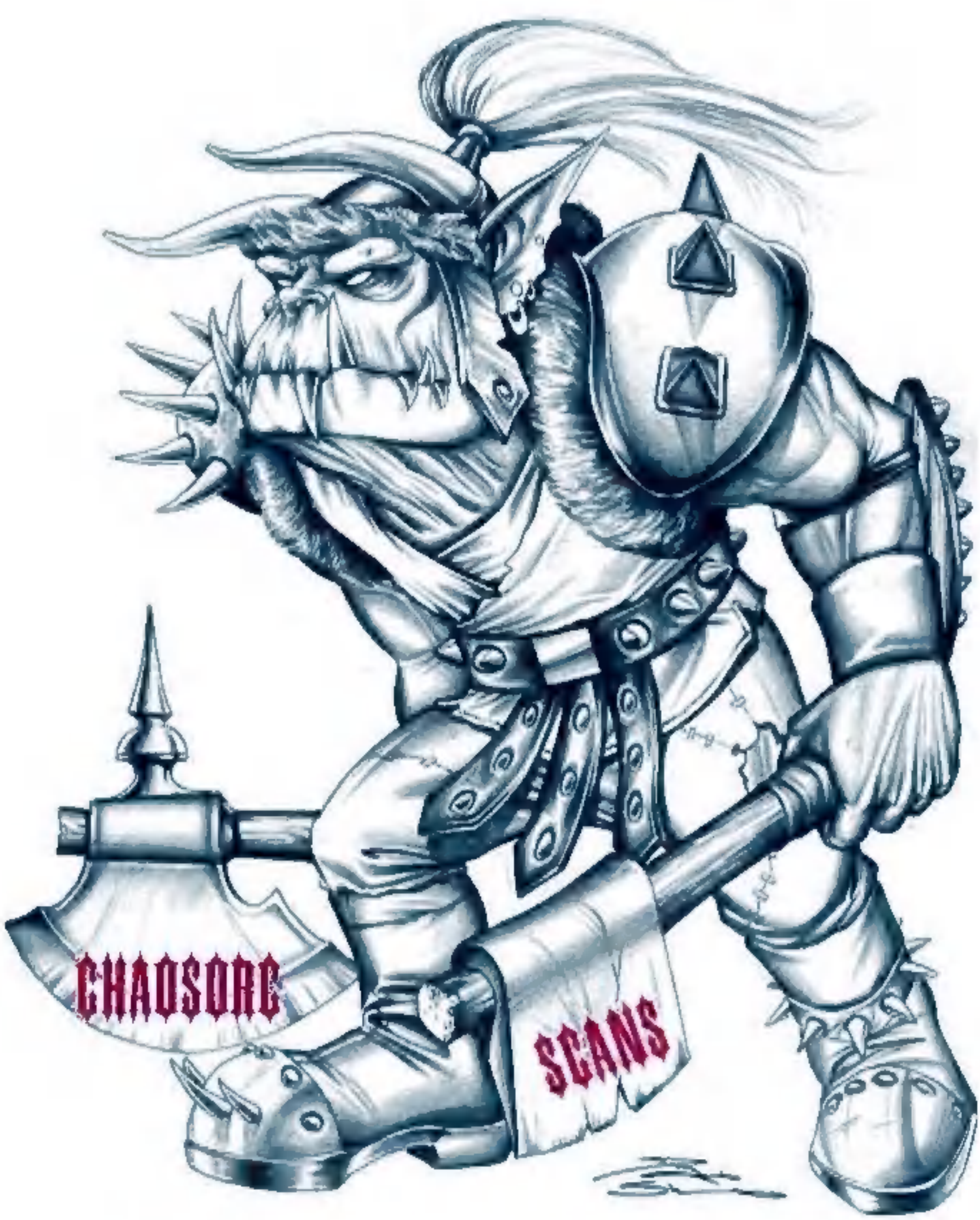


TheComicRack

MARVEL COMICS
RAGE 2099
THE FALL OF THE HAMMER
PART 2 OF 5
$1.25 US
$1.60 CAN
15
FEB
UK 95p
APPROVED BY THE COMICS CODE
AUTHORITY
DIRECT EDITION
01511
7 59606 01160 5
Rey Rim 93

THE X-MEN HAVE DISCONNECTED THE HOLOCALL. SAVES ME DOING IT-- I DIDN'T LIKE THE THREATENING ATTITUDE OF THOSE ARROGANT YOUNG PUNKS.
IF THEY WEREN'T PREPARED TO BE POLITE, I WASN'T PREPARED TO GIVE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT THE DISC I LIBERATED FROM ALCHEMAX... OR WHAT IT'S GOT TO DO WITH THEIR MISSING FRIEND...
TYPICAL KIDS. THEY WANT IT ALL AND THEY WANT IT NOW. BESIDES WHICH, WHAT COULD THEY DO...? I'M HERE AND THEY'RE...
I'M HERE IN THE FLESH, RAVAGE!
NOW TELL ME TO SHOW RESPECT!

RAVAGE 2099 * Vol. 1, No. 15, February 1996. (ISSN # 1067-4918) Published by MARVEL COMICS. Terry Stewart, President. Stan Lee, Publisher. Michael Hobson, Group Vice President, Publishing. OFFICE OF PUBLICATION: 387 PARK AVENUE SOUTH, NEW YORK, NY 10016. SECOND CLASS POSTAGE PAID AT NEW YORK, NY AND AT ADDITIONAL MAILING OFFICES. Published monthly. Copyright © 1995 Marvel Entertainment Group, Inc. All rights reserved. Price $1.25 per copy in the U.S. and $1.60 in Canada. Subscription rate for 12 issues: $15.00 U.S., $27.00 foreign, and Canadian subscribers must add $6.00 for postage and GST. GST #R127032952. No similarity between any of the names, characters, persons, and/or institutions in this magazine with those of any living or dead person or institution is intended, and any such similarity which may exist is purely coincidental. This periodical may not be sold except by authorized dealers and is sold subject to the condition that it shall not be sold or distributed with any part of its cover or markings removed, nor in a mutilated condition. RAVAGE 2099 (including all prominent characters featured in this issue and the distinctive likenesses thereof) is a trademark of MARVEL ENTERTAINMENT GROUP, INC. POSTMASTER: SEND ADDRESS CHANGES TO RAVAGE 2099, c/o MARVEL COMICS, 6TH FLOOR, 387 PARK AVENUE SOUTH, NEW YORK, NY 10016. PRINTED IN USA.

YOU'LL GIVE ME THE INFORMATION I WANT AND YOU'LL GIVE IT TO ME NOW!
GET AWAY FROM ME... BOY!
YOU'RE NOT GETTING THIS, ARE YOU?
READ MY LIPS... MEAN-STREAK'S FRIEND, JORDAN BOONE, HAS DISAPPEARED AFTER COMPILING AN INCRIMINATING DISC ABOUT ALCHEMAX'S PROBLEMS WITH VALHALLA!

YOU'VE GOT THE DISC... NOW WHERE'S OUR FRIEND, MR. BIG SHOT RAVAGE -- CORPORATE MAN?
UUUH? WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
I'M REMOVING MY SUIT, SONNY.

YOU SEE, I'VE RUINED A LOT OF EXPENSIVE SUITS DURING MY TRANSFORMATION...
YOU KNOW... THE BIT WHERE I RIP KIDS LIKE YOU APART!

YOU...? A MERE HUMAN...? DARE THREATEN ME?

HORNS OF A DILEMMA

PAT MILLS & TONY SKINNER
WRITERS

GRANT MIEHM
PENCILER

KEITH WILLIAMS
INKER

PHIL FELIX
LETTERER

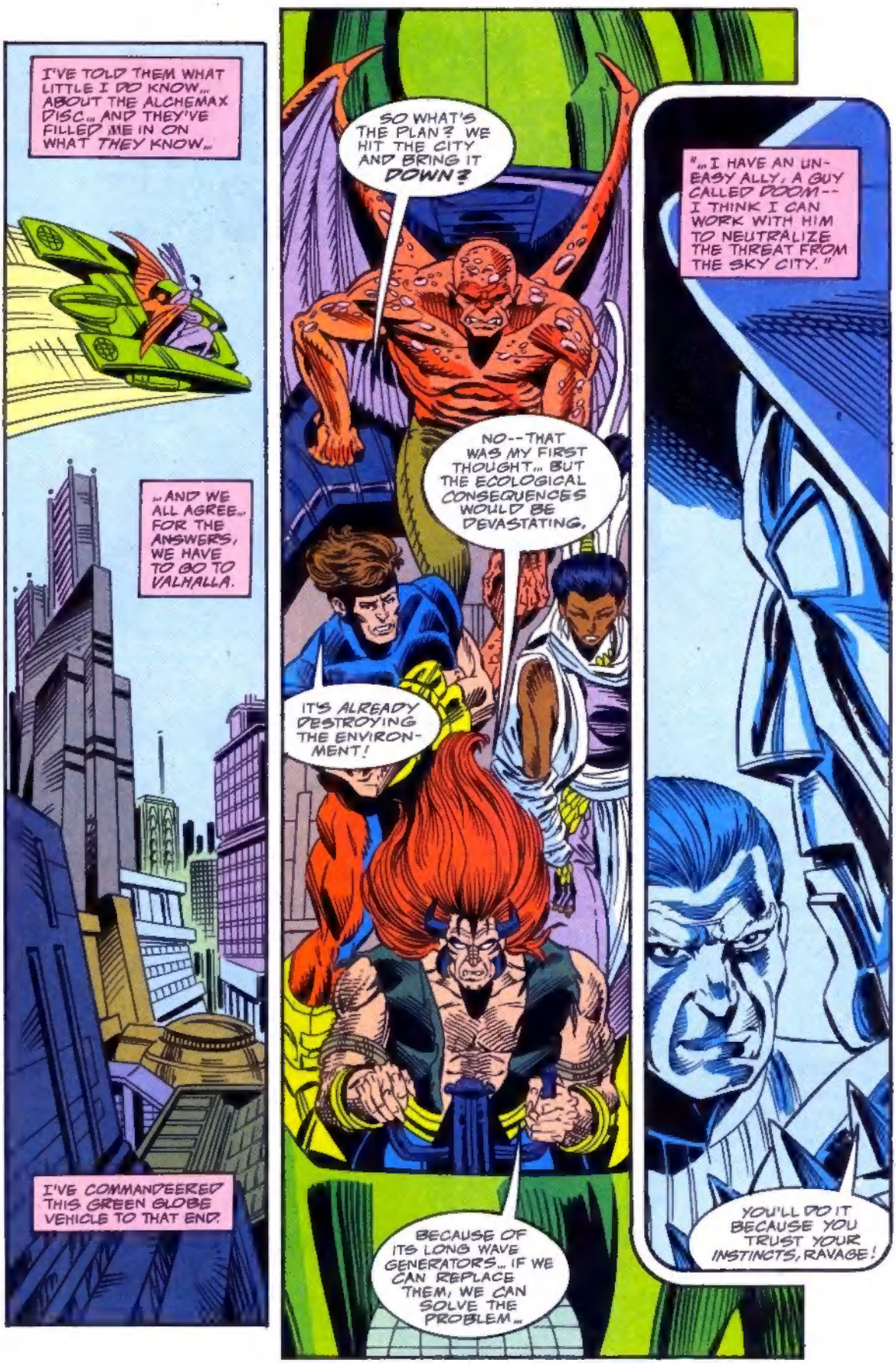
GINA GOING
COLORIST

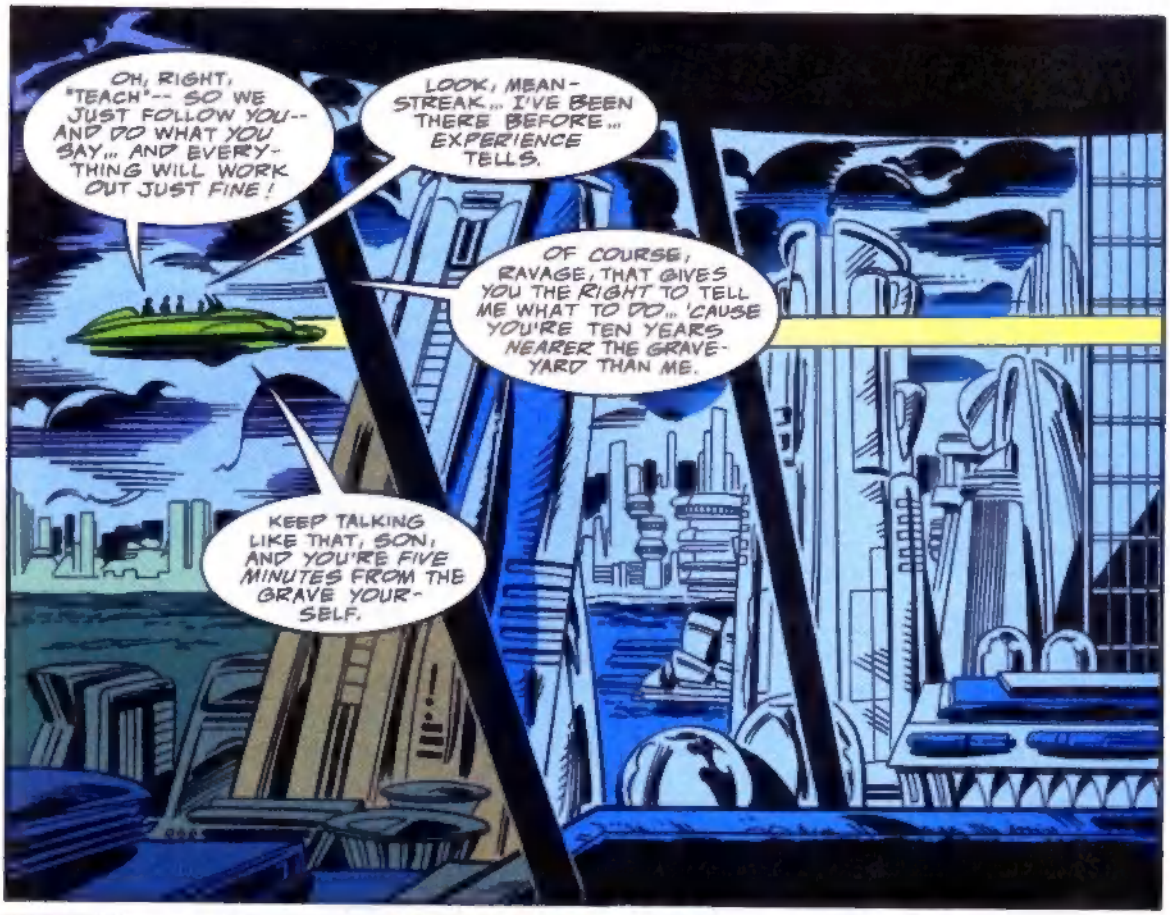
JOEY CAVALIERI
EDITOR

TOM DeFALCO
EDITOR IN CHIEF

RAVAGE 2099 CREATED BY STAN LEE AND PAUL RYAN

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?!
LOOK, I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT YOUR FRIEND, BUT IF IT'S A FIGHT YOU WANT, I'M READY!
IT'S A TEMPTING THOUGHT... BUT I DON'T THINK I'M GOING TO FIND JORDAN BOONE BY FIGHTING...
...AND IT'S NOT GOING TO HELP BRING DOWN THAT ECOLOGICAL NIGHTMARE, VALHALLA!
VALHALLA?
I REALIZE THAT A LOT OF MY ANGER TOWARDS THIS MUTANT IS PURELY "BESTIAL"...
...THE YOUNG BUCK CHALLENGING THE OLD STAG... AND MY NEED TO PUT HIM IN HIS PLACE...
OKAY, I'M JUST AS EAGER TO SEE IT FALL... MAYBE WE BOTH OVERREACTED... MAYBE WE'RE ON THE SAME SIDE...?
WHOEVER YOU ARE, YOU'RE OBVIOUSLY NO FRIEND OF ALCHEMAX. WHY DON'T WE SIT DOWN AND TALK ABOUT IT...?
DON'T BOTHER. JUST BRING MY COMPANIONS IN.
MINUTES LATER...
THESE ARE MY FELLOW X-MEN. THEY CALL THEMSELVES MEANSTREAK AND KRYSTALIN.
ARE YOU A MUTANT, TOO?
IT'S A LONG STORY, LADY...
WELL, JUST CONCENTRATE ON TELLING US ALL YOU KNOW ABOUT JORDAN.


I'VE TOLD THEM WHAT LITTLE I DO KNOW... ABOUT THE ALCHEMAX DISC... AND THEY'VE FILLED ME IN ON WHAT THEY KNOW...
...AND WE ALL AGREE... FOR THE ANSWERS, WE HAVE TO GO TO VALHALLA.
I'VE COMMANDEERED THIS GREEN GLOBE VEHICLE TO THAT END.
SO WHAT'S THE PLAN? WE HIT THE CITY AND BRING IT DOWN?
NO--THAT WAS MY FIRST THOUGHT... BUT THE ECOLOGICAL CONSEQUENCES WOULD BE DEVASTATING.
IT'S ALREADY DESTROYING THE ENVIRON-MENT!
BECAUSE OF ITS LONG WAVE GENERATORS... IF WE CAN REPLACE THEM, WE CAN SOLVE THE PROBLEM...
"...I HAVE AN UN-EASY ALLY, A GUY CALLED DOOM-- I THINK I CAN WORK WITH HIM TO NEUTRALIZE THE THREAT FROM THE SKY CITY."
YOU'LL DO IT BECAUSE YOU TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS, RAVAGE!


OH, RIGHT, "TEACH"-- SO WE JUST FOLLOW YOU-- AND DO WHAT YOU SAY... AND EVERY-THING WILL WORK OUT JUST FINE!
LOOK, MEAN-STREAK... I'VE BEEN THERE BEFORE... EXPERIENCE TELLS.
OF COURSE, RAVAGE, THAT GIVES YOU THE RIGHT TO TELL ME WHAT TO DO... 'CAUSE YOU'RE TEN YEARS NEARER THE GRAVE-YARD THAN ME.
KEEP TALKING LIKE THAT, SON, AND YOU'RE FIVE MINUTES FROM THE GRAVE YOUR-SELF.

DESIST, BOTH OF YOU... THERE IS FAR TOO MUCH AT STAKE FOR PETTY SQUABBLING.
MUST I REMIND YOU OF THE DAMAGE THIS FLYING ABOMI-NATION CALLED VALHALLA IS DOING TO OUR PLANET?
WELL SAID, BLOODHAWK... IF MEANSTREAK AND RAVAGE COULD TAKE A BREAK FROM THEIR ABSURD MALE POSTURING AND LOCKING OF HORNS... WE DO HAVE A SERIOUS JOB IN HAND...
POINT TAKEN, KRYSTALIN... AND HERE IT COMES...

VALHALLA!
"COMPLETE WITH WELCOMING COMMITTEE!"
THESE AREN'T THE OFFICIAL VALHALLA HEROES, SIR...?
NOPE. THESE ARE THE MAVERICKS WE'VE BEEN WARNED ABOUT.
THIS IS THE ENEMY! THIS IS THE REAL THING! LET'S TAKE THEM DOWN!
YEAH! DO THIS RIGHT-- AND JAKE GALLOWS WILL GIVE US A GOOD REPORT. COULD BE A BONUS IN IT FOR US!

BAIL OUT! LET'S HIT 'EM!
WE'LL TAKE CARE OF THESE GUYS, RAVAGE... GRAB YOURSELF A BIKE... I CAN'T BABYSIT YOU AND FIGHT.

SUITS ME. I'VE NEVER BEEN PART OF A TEAM...
...BUT I'LL JUST EVEN THE ODDS UP A LITTLE FOR YOU FIRST! THEN I'LL MEET YOU IN SKY CITY, KIDS!
SINK OR SWIM, COP!

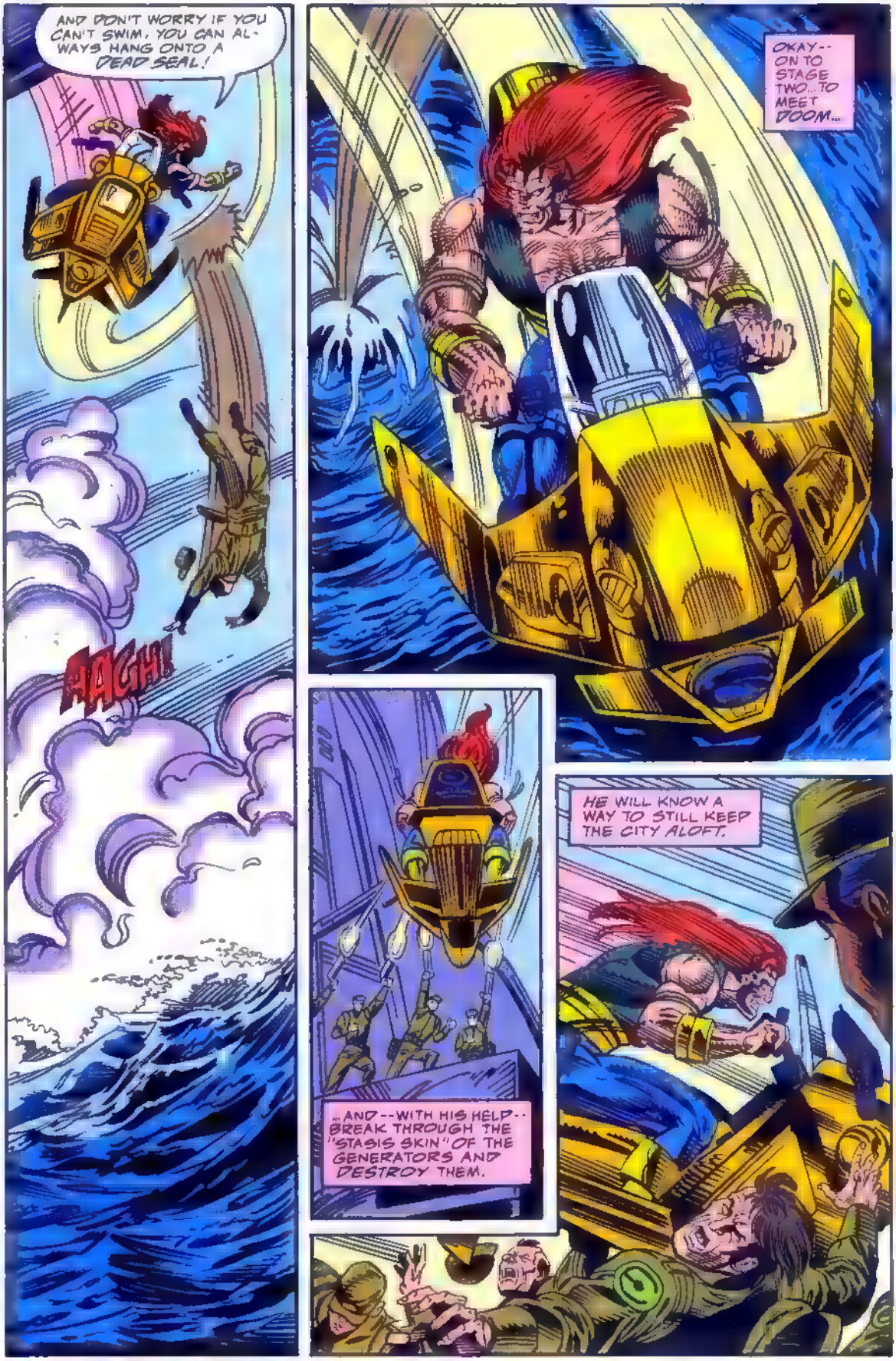
BAIL OUT! LET'S HIT 'EM!

WE'LL TAKE CARE OF THESE GUYS, RAVAGE... GRAB YOURSELF A BIKE... I CAN'T BABYSIT YOU AND FIGHT.

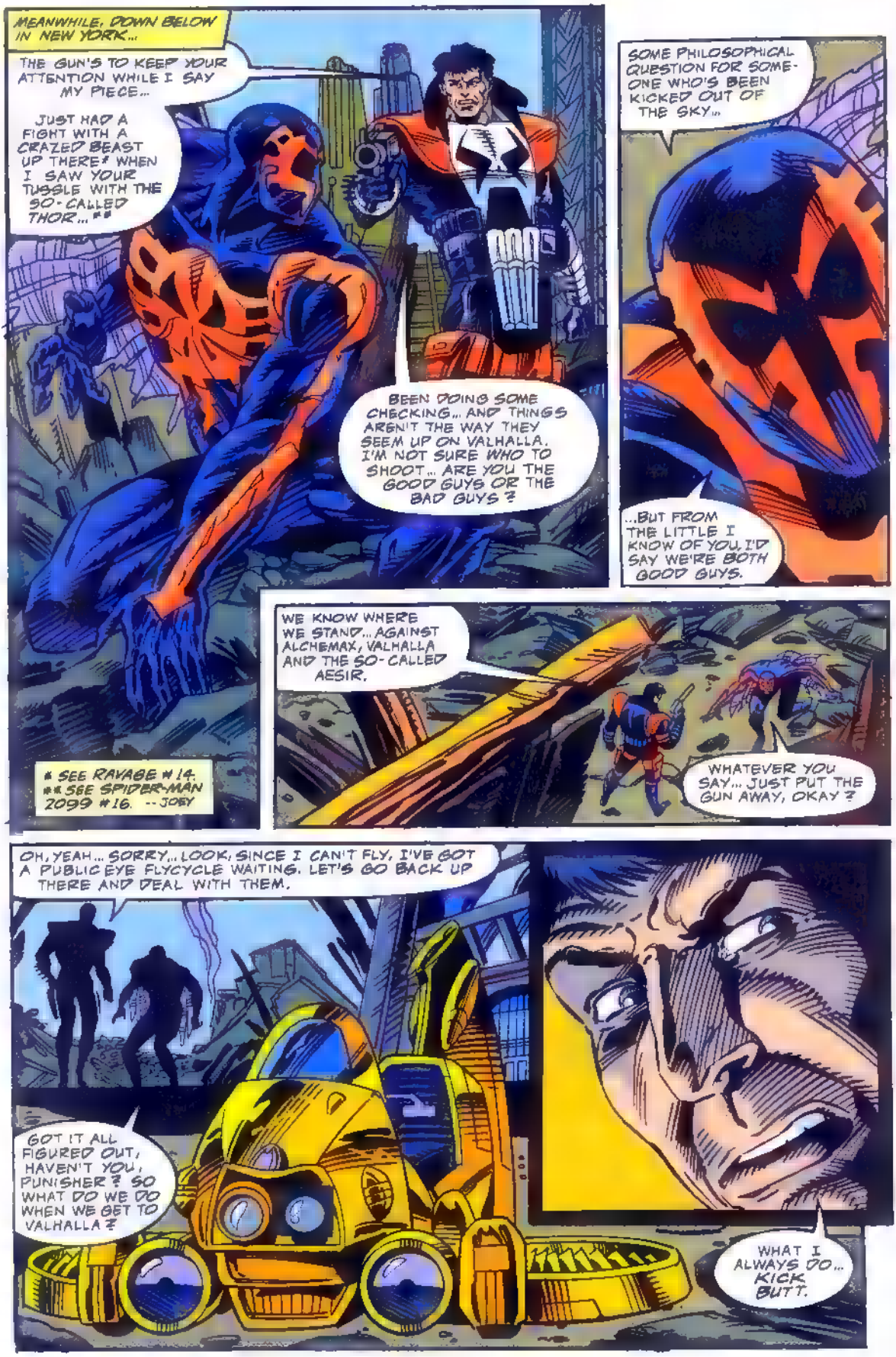
SUITS ME. I'VE NEVER BEEN PART OF A TEAM...

...BUT I'LL JUST EVEN THE ODDS UP A LITTLE FOR YOU FIRST! THEN I'LL MEET YOU IN SKY CITY, KIDS!

SINK OR SWIM, COP!


AND DON'T WORRY IF YOU CAN'T SWIM, YOU CAN ALWAYS HANG ONTO A DEAD SEAL!
AAGH!
OKAY--ON TO STAGE TWO...TO MEET DOOM...
...AND--WITH HIS HELP--BREAK THROUGH THE "STASIS SKIN" OF THE GENERATORS AND DESTROY THEM.
HE WILL KNOW A WAY TO STILL KEEP THE CITY ALOFT.

SWITCH TO NEEDLE FIRE! PLATOON SPLIT... TWO GROUPS-- ONE AIM FOR HIS HEAD... OTHER FOR HIS HEART!
ON MY MARK...
I WILL DEAL WITH THIS SAD ANIMAL MYSELF!
HOLD, MORTALS! TROUBLE YOURSELVES NOT ON THIS INTERLOPER --FOR HEIMDALL IS HERE!


MEANWHILE, DOWN BELOW IN NEW YORK...
THE GUN'S TO KEEP YOUR ATTENTION WHILE I SAY MY PIECE...
JUST HAD A FIGHT WITH A CRAZED BEAST UP THERE* WHEN I SAW YOUR TUSSLE WITH THE SO-CALLED THOR...**
BEEN DOING SOME CHECKING... AND THINGS AREN'T THE WAY THEY SEEM UP ON VALHALLA. I'M NOT SURE WHO TO SHOOT... ARE YOU THE GOOD GUYS OR THE BAD GUYS?
SOME PHILOSOPHICAL QUESTION FOR SOMEONE WHO'S BEEN KICKED OUT OF THE SKY...
...BUT FROM THE LITTLE I KNOW OF YOU, I'D SAY WE'RE BOTH GOOD GUYS.
* SEE RAVAGE #14.
** SEE SPIDER-MAN 2099 #16. -- JOEY
WE KNOW WHERE WE STAND... AGAINST ALCHEMAX, VALHALLA AND THE SO-CALLED AESIR.
WHATEVER YOU SAY... JUST PUT THE GUN AWAY, OKAY?
OH, YEAH... SORRY... LOOK, SINCE I CAN'T FLY, I'VE GOT A PUBLIC EYE FLYCYCLE WAITING. LET'S GO BACK UP THERE AND DEAL WITH THEM.
GOT IT ALL FIGURED OUT, HAVEN'T YOU, PUNISHER? SO WHAT DO WE DO WHEN WE GET TO VALHALLA?
WHAT I ALWAYS DO... KICK BUTT.

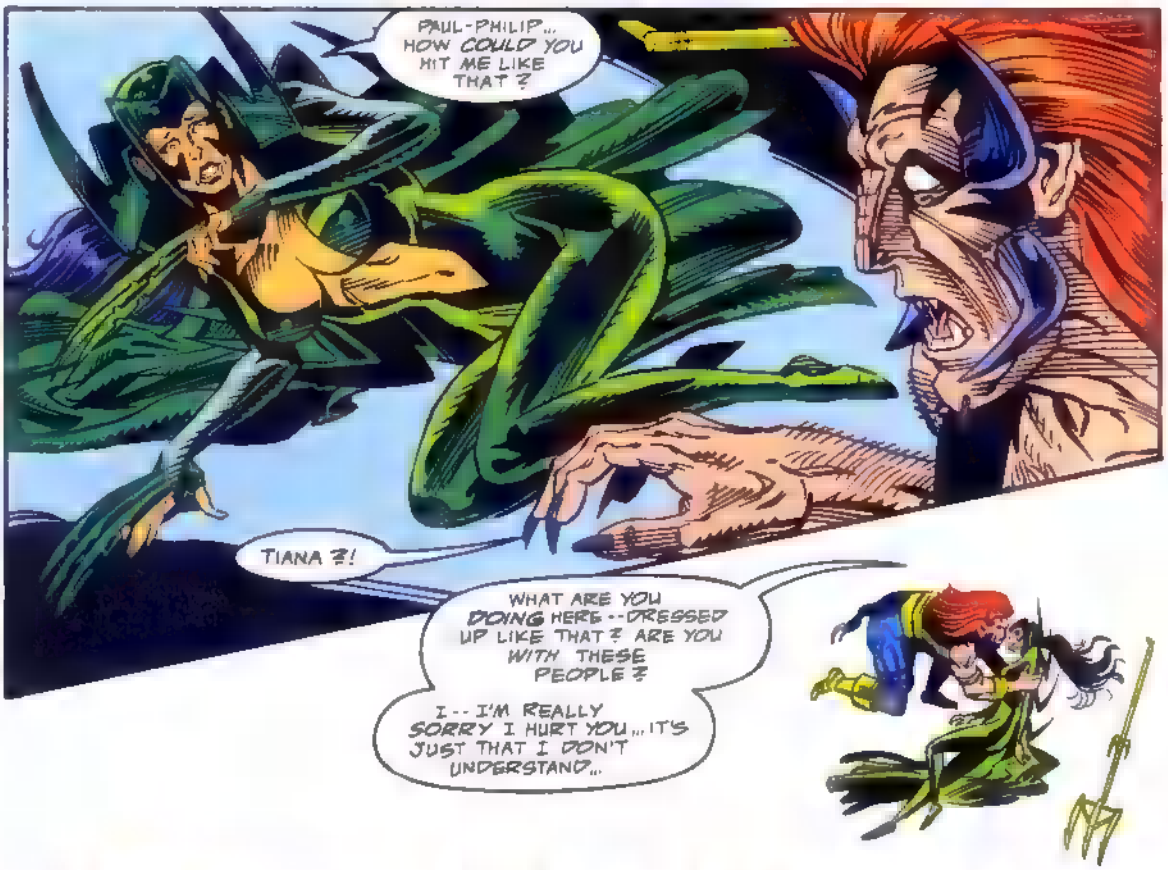
WHAT THE SHOCK IS THAT?
FOUL BEAST! DARING TO SULLY THE SANCTITY OF OUR NOBLE CITY!
NOW IS THE END OF YOUR MORTAL LIFE!
OH, WHAT? YOUR CITY'S DOING A FAIR AMOUNT OF SULLYING ITSELF...
...OR HAVEN'T YOU LOOKED OVER THE EDGE OF PARADISE RECENTLY?
YOU KNOW NOT OF WHAT YOU SPEAK...
... THE DESTRUCTION OF A FEW FISH IS A SMALL PRICE FOR THE GREATER GLORY OF THE GODS!

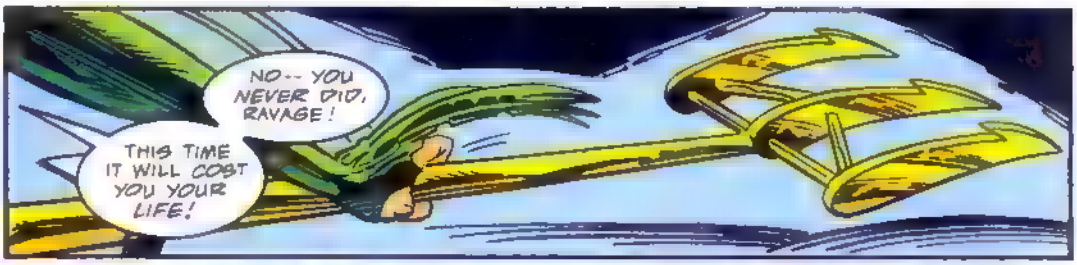
THAT'S ALL I NEED TO HEAR.
ANYONE WHO THINKS THE DESTRUCTION OF NATURE IS WORTH IT TO BOOST THEIR PERSONAL EGO, AIN'T A GOD...
...HE'S A GRADE "A" BUTT-HEAD!
KRUNCH
YOU DARE SPEAK SO OF MIGHTY HEIMDALL... VIGILANT "WATCHER OF VALHALLA"... HE WHO CAN HEAR THE GRASS GROW... THE TICK ON A SHEEP'S BACK...
OOF!

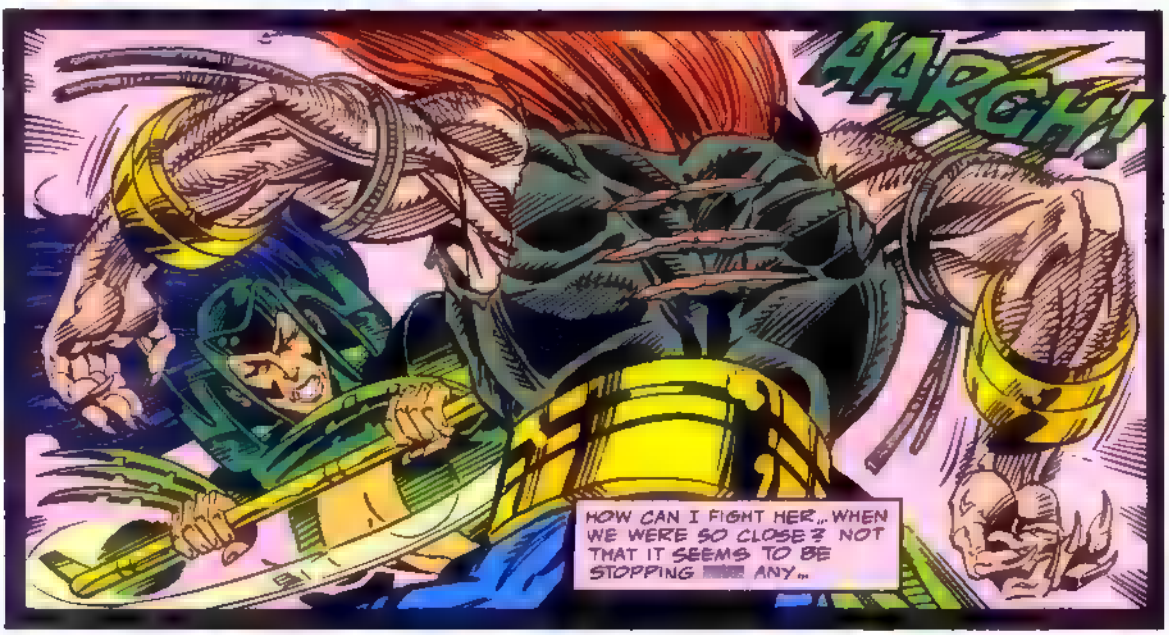
...WHO CAN SEE [redacted] A HUNDRED MILES NIGHT OR DAY...
JUST KEEP SPOUTING, HEIMDALL... BLOODHAWK IS GOING TO KNOCK THE LIVING...
SHOCK! HE'S GOOD!
I TRUST I PROVE MY POINT!
SPANG!
WE THOUGHT YOU NEEDED A HAND... "MR. EXPERIENCE!"
I BELIEVED IN HEIMDALL WHEN I WAS A KID, BUT I CERTAINLY DON'T BELIEVE IN YOU!
AH! THE SO-CALLED X-MEN. LOKI WARNED ME YOU'D COME LOOKING FOR HIM...
LOKI...? WHO THE SHOCK IS LOKI?
WHO ARE WE TALKING ABOUT HERE?
GUYS, IS IT POSSIBLE THAT JORDAN HAS BECOME ONE OF THESE WEIRD VALHALLA GODS?
IF ONLY YOU KNEW, MY DEAR...

I'LL LEAVE THESE KIDS TO DISCUSS THEIR MISSING FRIEND WITH HEIMDALL... IN THEIR USUAL GENTLE WAY...
I'VE GOT TO MEET DOOM AND SHRED SOME MACHINERY!
AGHHHH!
SLASH!
I DIDN'T MISS... I JUST WANTED TO GIVE YOU A FLESH WOUND FIRST.
HELA, QUEEN OF THE UNDERWORLD, WANTS THIS TO LAST!
OH, NO! NOT ANOTHER COSTUMED REFUGEE CRAWLING OUT THE PAGES OF THE NORDIC MYTHOS!

I KNOW HOW YOU REPAIR, RAVAGE-- BUT YOU WON'T REPAIR WHEN I'VE CUT YOU INTO FIFTEEN PIECES!
THAT RAKE WENT THROUGH SOLID STEEL! I THINK SHE'S RIGHT. I WON'T REPAIR...
...BUT LET'S SEE HOW SHE REPAIRS.
I'M AT LEAST TWICE AS FAST AS SHE IS...AND I'M SURE I HIT AT LEAST TWICE AS HARD!
MUCH AS I HATE DOING THIS TO A LADY...
SMAKK!


PAUL-PHILIP... HOW COULD YOU HIT ME LIKE THAT?
TIANA?!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE--DRESSED UP LIKE THAT? ARE YOU WITH THESE PEOPLE?
I--I'M REALLY SORRY I HURT YOU... IT'S JUST THAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND...

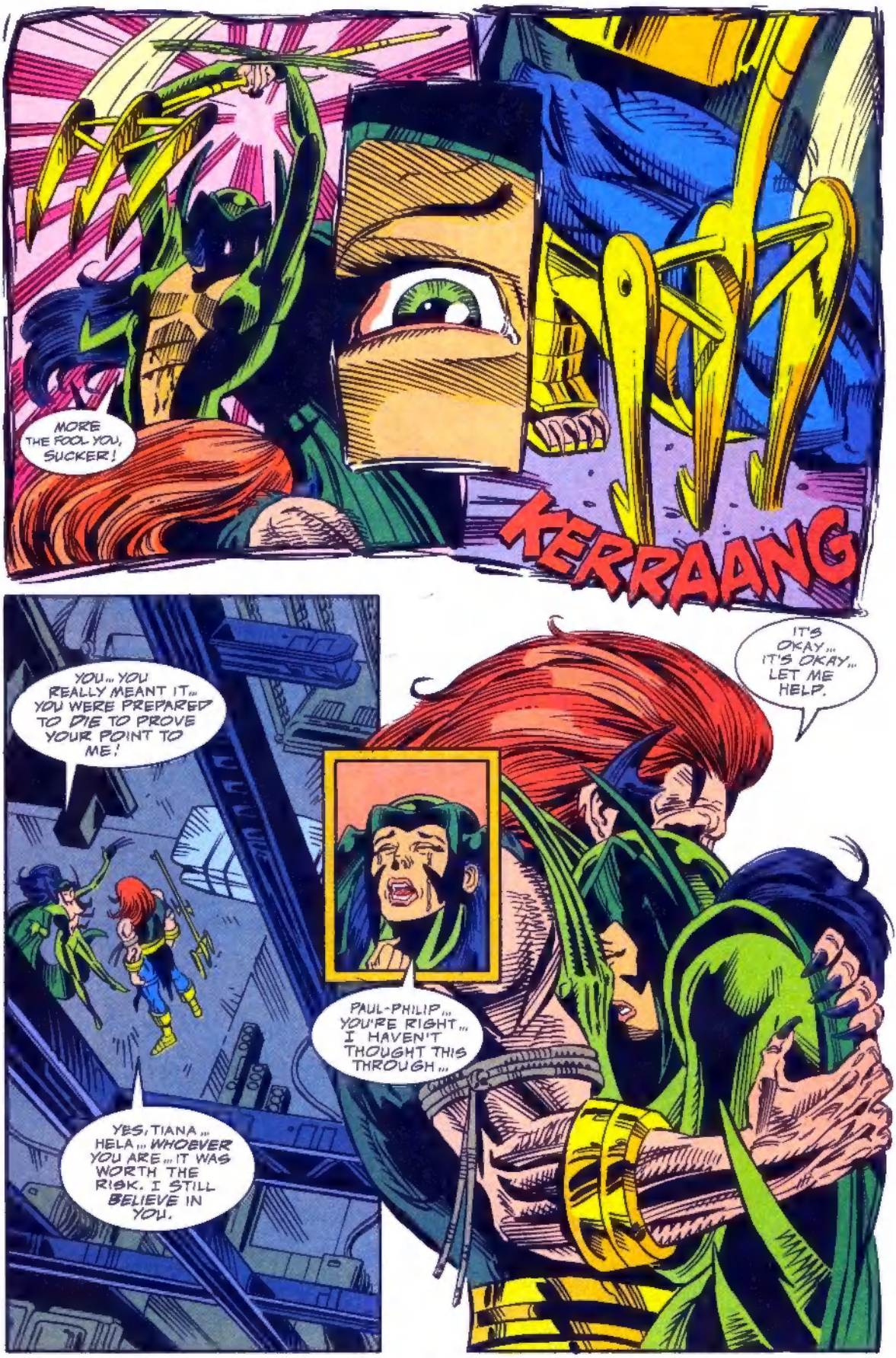

NO-- YOU NEVER DID, RAVAGE!
THIS TIME IT WILL COST YOU YOUR LIFE!

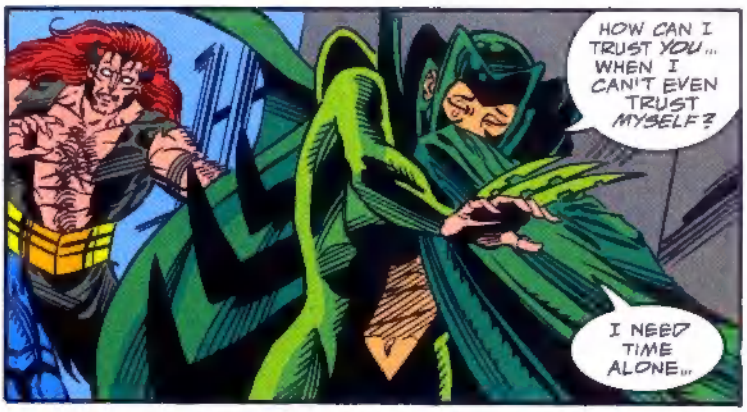

AARGH!
HOW CAN I FIGHT HER... WHEN WE WERE SO CLOSE? NOT THAT IT SEEMS TO BE STOPPING [redacted] ANY...

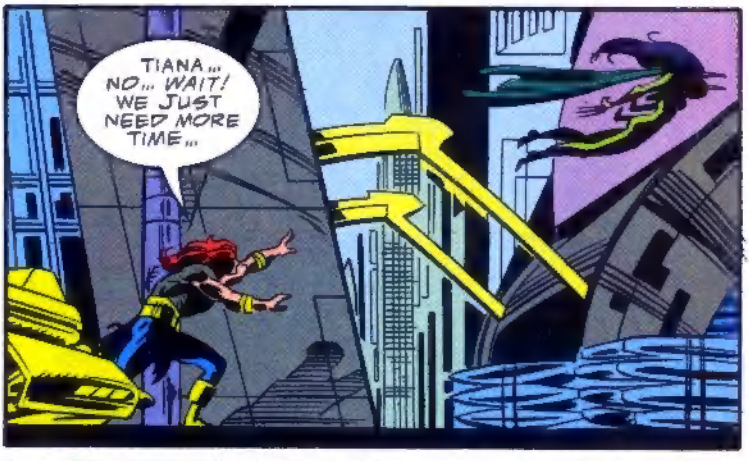
WHOOSH!
GOT TO REMEMBER-- THIS ISN'T A "WOMAN." IT'S SOMEBODY TRYING TO KILL ME...
...AND IF YOU'RE IN A SAFARI PARK AND YOU'RE ATTACKED BY A LIONESS, ITS SEX IS IRRELEVANT.
UNNH!
YOU JUST HAVE TO DEFEND YOURSELF ANY WAY YOU CAN.
OKAY, RAVAGE... NO MORE FLESH WOUNDS...
I'M GOING TO DICE YOU!

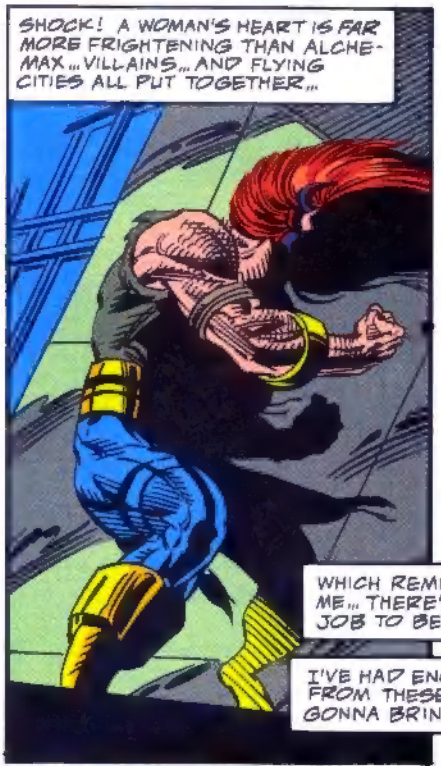
TIANA... AT SOME POINT WE'VE GOT TO TALK...
DON'T CALL ME TIANA! THAT WEAKLING NO LONGER EXISTS... THE SECRETARY WHO FAWNED ON YOUR EVERY WORD!
FUNNY -- THAT'S NOT THE WAY I REMEMBER IT. THE WOMAN I KNEW WAS SENSITIVE... INTELLIGENT... KIND...
HA! SHE SOUNDS LIKE A DOG!
NOW YOU'RE DEALING WITH HELA, QUEEN OF THE UNDERWORLD, WIELDER OF THE DEATH RAKE!
THAT'S A CROCK AND YOU KNOW IT...! YOU'RE BEING USED!
ALL THIS THORIST STUFF IS A FRONT FOR THE BAD GUYS...
...LIKE EVERYTHING ELSE IN THIS WORLD, IT ALL COMES DOWN TO POLITICS... MONEY... AND POWER...

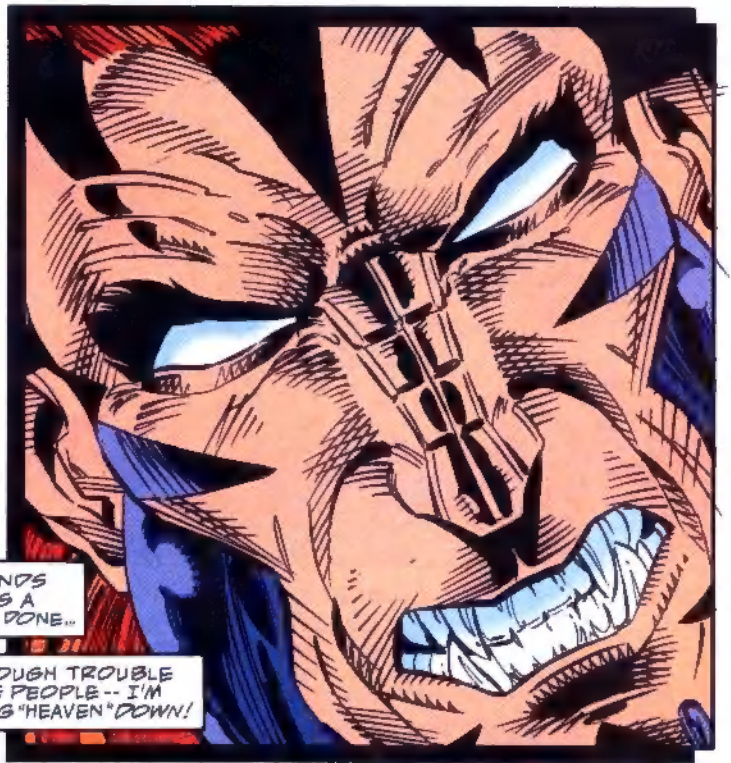
...MEANWHILE, THIS CITY IS GOING TO KILL MILLIONS OF PEOPLE, UNLESS WE CAN STOP IT!
LIES! YOU ALWAYS LIED!
WHAM
YOU USED ME--YOU KNEW I LOVED YOU, BUT I WAS NEVER IMPORTANT ENOUGH FOR YOU!
OH, NOW I GET IT... IT'S PERSONAL...YOU'RE TRYING TO ESTABLISH YOUR OWN IDENTITY--AT MY EXPENSE.
BUT WHETHER YOU'RE TIANA OR SOME SUPER-POWERED THING, IF YOU'RE DOING IT THAT WAY, YOU'RE DOING IT WRONG...
AND I'M PREPARED TO DIE TO PROVE IT!


MORE THE FOOL YOU, SUCKER!
KERRAANG
YOU... YOU REALLY MEANT IT... YOU WERE PREPARED TO DIE TO PROVE YOUR POINT TO ME!
IT'S OKAY... IT'S OKAY... LET ME HELP.
PAUL-PHILIP... YOU'RE RIGHT... I HAVEN'T THOUGHT THIS THROUGH...
YES, TIANA... HELA... WHOEVER YOU ARE... IT WAS WORTH THE RISK. I STILL BELIEVE IN YOU.






SHOCK! A WOMAN'S HEART IS FAR MORE FRIGHTENING THAN ALCHEMAX... VILLAINS... AND FLYING CITIES ALL PUT TOGETHER...
WHICH REMINDS ME... THERE'S A JOB TO BE DONE...
I'VE HAD ENOUGH TROUBLE FROM THESE PEOPLE -- I'M GONNA BRING "HEAVEN" DOWN!



NEXT **HEAVEN'S ON FIRE!**